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SUBJECT: KOREA IN THE 30TH UNGA: SWEDISH POSITION

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1. I USED OCCASION OF PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT FOR TDAY WITH LEIF LEIFLAND, MFA DIRECTOR OF POLLITICAL AFFAIRS, TO RAISE QUESTION OF KOREAN QUESTION IN UNGA. I EXPRESSED APPREICATION FOR SWEDISH VOTE IN FIRST COMMITTEE IN FAVOR OF FREIDNLY RESOLUTION AND ON PROCEDUREAL QUESTION. HOWEVER, I DEPLORED GOS ABSTENTION ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION, AND URGED THAT IN PLENARY SWEDEN VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION BOTH IN ORDER TO REACH JUST SOLUTION TO KOREAN PROBLEM AND FOR SAKE OF U.N. CREDIBILITY, WHICH HAD BEEN BADLY SHAKEN BY PASSAGE OF TWO CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS ON KOREA.

2. LEIFLAND REPLIED THAT GOS IN FIRST COMMITTEE HAD CHANGED ITS
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POSITION ON PROCEDURAL QUESTION FROM ONE OF ABSTENTION TO

SUPPORT FOR PRIORITY FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND SAID HE HOPED USG APPRECIATED THIS GOS CHANGE IN VOTING BEHAVIOR. HOWEVER, HE SAID GOS COULD NOT RPT NOT NOW SWITCH IN PLENARY TO VOTE AGAINST UNFRIENDLY RESOLUTION FIRST BECAUSE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN CHANGE TO SWEDISH PUBLIC AND SECONDLY (AND MORE IMPORTANTLY) BECAUSE SWEDEN, AS MEMBER NNSC (NEUTRAL NATIONS SUPERVISORY COMMISSION) BELIEVES IT SHOULD RETAIN A MEASURE OF GOOD WILL WITH NORTH KOREA WHICH MIGHT BE USEFUL LATER IN ACHIEVING SETTLEMENT OF KOREAN QUESTION.

3. ACCORDING TO LEIFLAND, NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR IN STOCKHOLM HAD ALL BUT BANKED HIS FIST ON HIS (LEIFLAND'S) TABLE AND HAD THREATENED TO BREAK ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH SWEDEN AND HALT PAYMENTS ON DEBTS TO SWEDEN IF GOS WERE TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION. LEIFLAND SAID HE TOLD NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR THAT TWO ISSUES WERE NOT RELATED, AND THAT SWEDEN WOULD NOT BE MOVED BY SUCH THREATS BUT WOULD FOLLOW ITS OWN CONVICTIONS IN VOTING ON KOREA. LEIFLAND ADDED THAT NORTH KOREAN BEHAVIOR HAD AN AURA OF (SIC) "DIPLOMATIC INNOCENCE." I COMMENTED THAT I HAD NEVER THOUGHT OF KIM IL - SUNG AND HIS WORKS AS "INNOCENT."
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